

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

In the Office communication dated January 17, 2007, Examiner argues that the term “desired” in “desired program code characteristic” is not explicitly defined in the specification. By this amendment the word “desired” has been deleted in Claims 1 & 3. Accordingly, it is now fairly clear that “said program code characteristic” refers to “a program code characteristic”, recited on the previous line of Claim 1.

Claims 1-15 and 18-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,571,388 B1 to Venkatraman et al., in view of US Patent 6,230,307 B1 to Davis et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection as set forth below.

Independent Claim 1, as amended, requires and positively recites, a method for **generating program source code for translating high level code into instructions for a target processor**, the method comprising: “determining a program code characteristic corresponding to said target processor”, “deriving one or more program code modules **in accordance with said program code characteristic**” and “**generating program source code for translating high level code into instructions for said target processor from said one or more program code modules**”.

Independent Claim 9, as amended, requires and positively recites, a method for **creating program source code for translating between high level code and instructions for a target processor**, comprising the steps of: “determining a program code characteristic corresponding to said target processor”, “selecting one or more predefined program code modules **in accordance with said program code characteristic**” and “**forming program source code for translating high level code into instructions for**

said target processor from said selected one or more predefined program code modules”.

Independent Claim 11, as amended, requires and positively recites, a data processing apparatus for **creating program source code for translating between high level code and instructions for a target processor**, the data processing apparatus being configured to: “determine a program code characteristic corresponding to said target processor identifier input to said data processing apparatus”, “derive one or more program code modules in accordance with said **program code characteristic**” and “**create program source code for translating high level code into instructions for said target processor from said derived one or more program code modules**”.

Independent Claim 13, as amended, requires and positively recites, an apparatus, comprising **at least one program source code module** of a plurality of **program source code modules for translating between high level code and instructions for a target processor**, said at least one program source code module corresponding to a characteristic of said target processor and being selected from said plurality of program code modules.

Independent Claim 22, as amended, requires and positively recites, a processor, configured in accordance with **program code** comprising at least one **program source code module** of a plurality of **program source code modules, for translating between high level code and instructions for a target processor**, said at least one **program source code module** being in accordance with a characteristic of said target processor and selected from said plurality of **program source code modules**.

Independent Claim 23, as amended, requires and positively recites, a processor, configured by **program code** comprising an **agglomeration of two or more program source code modules** of said plurality of said program code modules.

Independent Claim 24, as amended, requires and positively recites, a system comprising a first and second processor, said first and second processor configured in accordance with program code comprising **at least two program source code modules**, wherein the **first of said at least two program source code modules is arranged to translate high level code to instructions for said first processor** and a second of said **at least two program source code modules is arranged to translate high level code to instructions for said second processor**.

In contrast, Venkatraman's pre-load analyzer determines which classes are needed – NOT a program code characteristic. When Venkatraman does select a source of classes, it is according to available resources in the target devices – NOT in accordance with desired code characteristics. As such, Venkatraman fails to teach or suggest, “deriving one or more program code modules **in accordance with said program code characteristic**”, as required by Claim 1, OR ; and “said step of deriving comprises deriving respective program code modules **in accordance with said respective program code characteristics**”, as required by Claim 5, OR ; “selecting one or more predefined program code modules **in accordance with said program code characteristic**”, as required by Claim 9, OR “derive one or more program code modules **in accordance with said program code characteristic**”, as required by Claim 11, OR “said at least one program code module **corresponding to a characteristic of said target processor** and being selected from said plurality of program source code modules”, as required by Claim 13, OR “... said at least one program source code module **being in accordance with a characteristic of said target processor** and selected from said plurality of program source code modules”, as required by Claim 22.

In addition to the above, the Venkatraman reference describes a system that pre-loads classes (30)(see also Abstract, lines 4-9 & 10-14) of one or several applications (32) with an embedded VM (34). Venkatraman selects a sub-set of application binary code to embed with

the virtual machine to avoid the cost of loading from disk, network or any other resources in the target device (col. 2, lines 53-61). It enables a programmer to customize the class loading to use the best resource for classes according to available resources in the target devices (14). Venkatraman's apparatus does not, however, choose binary codes according to their efficiency on a specific target device – but only to minimize the cost of loading.

Further, while Venkatraman discloses “a virtual machine that interprets” (col. 5, lines 32-33) such does NOT mean “translates into instructions”, as suggested by the Examiner. Indeed, “virtual machine that interprets” in Venkatraman actually means “executes a sequence of already existing instruction to realize the referenced byte-code”. As such, there is NO generation of instructions when a virtual machine interprets.

As such, Venkatraman fails to teach or suggest, a method for **generating program source code** for translating high level code into instructions for a target processor, comprising: “**generating program source code for translating high level code into instructions for said target processor from said one or more program code modules**”, as required by Claim 1, OR a method for **creating program source code** for translating between high level code and instructions for a target processor, comprising: “**forming program source code for translating high level code into instructions for said target processor from said selected one or more predefined program code modules**”, as required by Claim 9, OR a data processing apparatus for **creating program source code** for translating between high level code and instructions for a target processor, the data processing apparatus being configured to: “**create program source code for translating high level code into instructions for said target processor from said derived one or more program code modules**”, as required by Claim 11.

Venkatraman further fails to teach or suggest an apparatus, comprising **at least one program source code module** of a plurality of **program source code modules** for

translating between high level code and instructions for a target processor, said at least one program source code module corresponding to a characteristic of said target processor and being selected from said plurality of program code modules, as required by Claim 13, OR a processor, configured in accordance with **program source code** comprising at least one **program source code module** of a plurality of **program source code modules**, for **translating between high level code and instructions for a target processor**, said at least one **program source code module** being in accordance with a characteristic of said target processor and selected from said plurality of **program source code modules**, as required by Claim 22, OR a processor, configured by **program source code** comprising an **agglomeration of two or more program source code modules** of said plurality of said program code modules, as required by Claim 23, OR a system comprising a first and second processor, said first and second processor configured in accordance with program code comprising **at least two program source code modules**, wherein the **first of said at least two program source code modules is arranged to translate high level code to instructions for said first processor** and a second of said **at least two program source code modules is arranged to translate high level code to instructions for said second processor**, as required by Claim 25.

The Davis reference cited by the Examiner fails to provide any teaching or suggestion that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Davis and Venkatraman in order to arrive at the teaching of the present invention. Even were Davis to teach or suggest a combination of the teaching of the two references, Davis fails to teach or suggest the above high-lighted elements in Claims 1, 9, 11, 13, 22, 23 or 24. As such, Davis fails to provide any teaching or suggestion that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Davis and Venkatraman in order to arrive at the teaching of the present invention.

In proceedings before the Patent and Trademark Office, “the Examiner bears the burden of establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness based upon the prior art”. *In re Fritch*, 23 USPQ2d 1780, 1783 (Fed. Cir. 1992) (citing *In re Piasecki*, 745 F.2d 1468, 1471-72, 223 USPQ 785, 787-88 (Fed. Cir. 1984). “The Examiner can satisfy this burden **only by showing some objective teaching in the prior art or that knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art would lead that individual to combine the relevant teachings of the references**”, *In re Fritch*, 23 USPQ2d 1780, 1783 (Fed. Cir. 1992)(citing *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 1074, 5 USPQ2d 1596, 1598 (Fed. Cir. 1988)(citing *In re Lulu*, 747 F.2d 703, 705, 223 USPQ 1257, 1258 (Fed. Cir. 1988)).

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest ALL the claim limitations. (MPEP § 2143). Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has failed to establish all three criteria.

Obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either explicitly or implicitly in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. “The test for an implicit showing is what the combined teachings, knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art, and the nature of the problem to be solved as a whole would have suggested to those of ordinary skill in the art.” *In re Kotzab*, 217 F.3d 1365, 1370, 55 USPQ2d 1313, 1317 (Fed. Cir. 2000). See also *In re Lee*, 277 F.3d 1338, 1342-44, 61 USPQ2d 1430, 1433-34 (Fed. Cir. 2002) (discussing the importance of relying on objective evidence and making specific factual findings with respect to the motivation to combine references); *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5

USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988); *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). Thus, Claims 1, 9, 11, 13, 22, 23 or 24 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,571,388 B1 to Venkatraman et al., in view of U.S. Patent 6,230,307 B1 to Davis et al.

Claims 2-8 stand allowable as depending (directly or indirectly) from allowable Claim 1 and including further limitations not taught or suggested by the references of record. Claim 10 stands allowable as depending from allowable Claim 9 and including further limitations not taught or suggested by the references of record. Claim 12 stands allowable as depending from allowable Claim 11 and including further limitations not taught or suggested by the references of record. Claims 14, 15 and 18-21 stand allowable as depending (directly or indirectly) from allowable Claim 13 and including further limitations not taught or suggested by the references of record.

Claim 2 further defines the method according to claim 1, by generating program source code for **translating high level code into instructions for one of a plurality of target processors**. Claim 2 is allowable for the same reasons provided above in support of the allowability of Claim 1. Moreover, the Venkatraman and Davis references fail, alone or in combination, to teach or suggest this additional teaching in combination with the steps of Claim 1.

Claim 3 further defines the method according to claim 1, by further comprising forming agglomerated program source code from a plurality of program code modules in accordance with said program code characteristic. In addition to the reasons provided above for the allowance of Claim 1, there is no teaching whatsoever in Venkatraman that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to "form agglomerated program source code from a plurality of program code modules in accordance with said desired program code

characteristic. Similarly, there is no teaching in Davis that will overcome this deficiency in Venkatraman.

Claim 4 further defines the method according to claim 1, by further comprising deriving said program code modules in accordance with a desired functionality for said target processor. Claim 4 is allowable for the same reasons provided above in support of the allowability of Claim 1. Moreover, the Venkatraman and Davis references fail, alone or in combination, to teach or suggest this additional teaching in combination with the steps of Claim 1.

Claim 5 further defines the method according to claim 2, wherein: "said step of determining comprises determining respective program code characteristics for respective ones of a plurality of target processors", "said step of deriving comprises deriving respective program code modules in accordance with said respective program code characteristics" and "said step of generating comprises generating program source code for translating high level code into instructions for said target processors from said program code modules". In addition to the reasons provided above for the allowance of Claim 2, Venkatraman discloses providing custom pre-loaded classes for application program for a single target device – not one of a plurality of target processors. Moreover, the Venkatraman and Davis references, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest multiple target processors.

Claim 6 further defines the method according to claim 1, wherein said step of deriving comprises selecting one or more pre-defined program code modules in accordance with said program code characteristic from a plurality of available program code modules. Claim 6 is allowable for the same reasons provided above in support of the allowability of Claim 1. Moreover, the Venkatraman and Davis references fail, alone or in combination, to teach or suggest this additional teaching in combination with the steps of Claim 1.

Claim 7 further defines the method according to claim 1, wherein said program code provides a virtual machine for said target processor. Claim 7 is allowable for the same reasons provided above in support of the allowability of Claim 1. Moreover, in Venkatraman, the virtual machine exists BEFORE the pre-analyzer step (see col. 5, lines 13-16 “16 are used to assemble together the virtual machine 34, a set of code for ...”. The tool assembles together the virtual machine and pre-load classes. As such, the Venkatraman and Davis references fail, alone or in combination, to teach or suggest the additional teaching of Claim 7 in combination with the steps of Claim 1.

Claim 8 further defines the method according to claim 1, wherein said program code comprises elements of a programming language. Claim 8 is allowable for the same reasons provided above in support of the allowability of Claim 1. Moreover, the Venkatraman and Davis references fail, alone or in combination, to teach or suggest this additional teaching in combination with the steps of Claim 1.

Claim 10 further defines the method according to claim 9, wherein said creating program source code for translating between high level code and instructions is for one of a plurality of target processors. In addition to the reasons provided above for the allowance of Claim 9, Venkatraman discloses providing custom pre-loaded classes for application program for a single target device – not one of a plurality of target processors. Moreover, the Venkatraman and Davis references, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest multiple target processors.

Claim 12 further defines the data processing apparatus according to claim 11, further configured for creating program source code for translating between high level code and instructions for one of a plurality of target processors. In addition to the reasons provided above for the allowance of Claim 11, Venkatraman discloses providing custom pre-loaded classes for application program for a single target device – not one of a plurality

of target processors. Moreover, the Venkatraman and Davis references, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest multiple target processors.

Claim 14 further defines the apparatus of claim 13, by further comprising at least one additional program code modules for translating between high level code and instructions for respective ones of at least two target processors. In addition to the reasons provided above for the allowance of Claim 13, Venkatraman discloses providing custom pre-loaded classes for application program for a single target device – not one of a plurality of target processors. Moreover, the Venkatraman and Davis references, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest multiple target processors.

Claim 15 further defines the apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said at least two program code modules are selected from a plurality of predefined program code modules. Claim 15 is allowable for the same reasons provided above in support of the allowability of Claim 14. Moreover The Venkatraman and Davis references fail, alone or in combination, to teach or suggest this additional teaching in combination with the steps of Claim 14.

Claim 18 further defines the apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said program source code provides a virtual machine for said target processor. Claim 18 is allowable for the same reasons provided above in support of the allowability of Claim 13. Moreover, in Venkatraman, the virtual machine exists BEFORE the pre-analyzer step (see col. 5, lines 13-16 “16 are used to assemble together the virtual machine 34, a set of code for ...”. The tool assembles together the virtual machine and pre-load classes. As such, the Venkatraman and Davis references fail, alone or in combination, to teach or suggest the additional teaching of Claim 13 in combination with the steps of Claim 18.

Claim 19 further defines the apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said program source code provides a virtual machine for said target processor or processors. Claim 19 is allowable for the same reasons provided above in support of the allowability of Claim 14. Moreover, in Venkatraman, the virtual machine exists BEFORE the pre-analyzer step (see col. 5, lines 13-16 “16 are used to assemble together the virtual machine 34, a set of code for ...”. The tool assembles together the virtual machine and pre-load classes. As such, the Venkatraman and Davis references fail, alone or in combination, to teach or suggest the additional teaching of Claim 19 in combination with the steps of Claim 14.

Claim 20 further defines the apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said program source code comprises elements of a programming language. Claim 20 is allowable for the same reasons provided above in support of the allowability of Claim 13. Moreover, the Venkatraman and Davis references fail, alone or in combination, to teach or suggest this additional teaching in combination with the steps of Claim 13.

Claim 21 further defines the apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said program source code comprises elements of a programming language. Claim 21 is allowable for the same reasons provided above in support of the allowability of Claim 14. Moreover, the Venkatraman and Davis references fail, alone or in combination, to teach or suggest this additional teaching in combination with the steps of Claim 14.

Response to Examiner's comments in Office communication:

Response to (A): The word “desired” has been deleted from Claims 1 and 3. Thus, “the program code characteristic” is the same as “a program code characteristic” recited in the previous line of Claim 1.

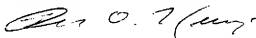
Response to (B): No response needed.

Response to (C): Nothing in Examiner's response provides any evidence that Venkatraman's apparatus "generates program source code **for translating high level code into instructions for a target processor**".

An amendment after a final rejection should be entered when it will place the case either in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. 37 C.F.R. 1.116; MPEP 714.12. This amendment should be entered since it removes an issue identified by Examiner regarding Claims 1 and 3, which places the application in better form for appeal.

Claims 1-15 and 18-24 stand allowable over the references of record. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application as the earliest possible date.

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